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DISTRICT

ALDERWOMAN

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## Dear Neighbor,

I pray this letter finds you and your family well. It has been more than a year since we've experienced normalcy as we've once known. Still, we have many more months, living through a national pandemic that have and continues to challenge the very fabric of our being, and that will define our city and our nation for years to come.

Last April, as I began my first full-term as your Alderwoman I'd planned for more face-to-face opportunities and an increased hands-on approach to constituency services. But, like the rest of the world, navigating through the pandemic has become, entirely virtual and, at times feelings of isolation. My thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones due to the Coronavirus disease.

My office is committed to serving you during these trying times and assisting you as we work in partnership to improve the quality of life for all in the City of Milwaukee.

In this newsletter, you will find critical information about how to access and schedule an appointment for you and your family to receive a Covid-19 Vaccination with the City of Milwaukee's Health Department, resources that helps save lives in case of a house fire, upcoming 5th District events, and information on how to access jobs through Direct Connect MKE.

As we head into spring, I look forward to seeing you out in the district and enjoying the warm weather as we work collectively towards a healthier and safer Milwaukee.

Be well, safe, and continue practicing social distance.

**Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd**  
Alderwoman, 5th District



## Committee Assignments

### VICE CHAIR

- **Judiciary & Legislation Committee**

### MEMBER

- **Licenses Committee**
- **Community & Economic Development Committee**

## Forming a Block Watch

One of the most effective ways for citizens to combat crime is to form a block watch.



By having a highly effective and efficient block watch, neighbors can report on suspicious activity and improve the quality of life for those in the neighborhood. To form your own block watch please contact Ald.

Dodd's office at **414-286-3870** or email [citywideblockwatchcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:citywideblockwatchcouncil@gmail.com)

If you currently have a block watch, please reach out so that we can stay in contact about events, new policies, issues in the district, etc.

## Access help and resources at nearby health centers

The 5th District is served by the nearby **Northwest Health Center** at 7630 W. Mill Rd. The Northwest Health Center can be reached at (414) 286-8830.

### Services available:

**Adolescent Community Health Program**  
**Blood Pressure Screening**  
**Healthcare Access Help and Referral**  
**Immunizations, infant and adult**  
**STI and HIV testing and treatment**  
**WIC (Women, Infants & Children)**

### Things to Remember:

Before visiting, please call to verify hours. Schedules are subject to change without notice. For immunizations, please bring immunization records with you for the person(s) receiving immunizations.

## Vaccine for COVID-19 now available

Beginning March 29, individuals age 16 and older with certain medical conditions that have a greater risk of severe infection from COVID-19 will be eligible. The decision is based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and supported by Wisconsin's medical experts.

Eligibility includes individuals with a list of conditions that can be found here: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/031121.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/031121.htm)

Additionally, anyone age 65 or older is eligible, as are most health care workers, teachers, utility workers and childcare workers. Increased availability of COVID-19 vaccine has also allowed the Milwaukee Health Department to expand the categories of eligible individuals that can make appointments at the Department's vaccination sites.

Front line essential workers, people in Medicaid long-term care programs, teachers, child care workers, certain City of Milwaukee employees and non-frontline essential health care employees who live or work in Milwaukee can schedule their appointment by visiting [milwaukee.gov/covidvax](http://milwaukee.gov/covidvax). Both a phone number and email address is required. If you do not have an email or phone number or need additional assistance, please contact the MHD COVID hotline at **414-286-8600** or email at [ASKMHDCOVID19@milwaukee.gov](mailto:ASKMHDCOVID19@milwaukee.gov).

With the added support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that started on March 15th, the vaccination site at the Wisconsin Center will be open to people who live and work in a wider geographical area.

**NOTE:** Vaccination appointments are based on availability of supplies. The Milwaukee Health Department anticipates that the slots will get filled quickly. This is expected, and it is

### COVID-19 VACCINE: WHO IS ELIGIBLE IN WISCONSIN?

#### CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE GROUPS IN PRIORITY ORDER

- Frontline health care personnel
- Residents and staff in skilled nursing and long-term care facilities
- Police and fire personnel, correctional staff
- Age 65 and older
- Educators and child care
- People enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
- Some public facing essential workers
- Non-frontline essential health care personnel
- Staff and residents in congregate living facilities

#### NEXT ELIGIBLE GROUPS

**MARCH 29**

People age 16 and older with certain medical conditions known to be associated with an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

**MAY**

Everyone age 16 and older.

For more details on eligibility visit [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm)

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of HEALTH SERVICES

YOU STOP THE SPREAD

### Covid-19 Vaccine

#### BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

##### ALL ELIGIBLE GROUPS

For eligibility and to register: [milwaukee.gov/covidvax](http://milwaukee.gov/covidvax)

Call the hotline: **(414) 286-6800**

<b>Wisconsin Center</b> Wells St. & Vel R. Phillips Ave.	Monday-Friday 9am-6pm Saturday-Sunday 9am-4pm
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**EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY!**  
People 16+ with certain medical conditions OR who live in priority zip codes 53204, 53205, 53206, 53209, 53215, 53216, 53218, 53223, 53224, 53233

#CrushCovidMKE @MKEhealth

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### Covid-19 Vaccine

#### WALK-IN CLINICS

PRIORITY ZIP CODES: 53204, 53205, 53206, 53209, 53215, 53216, 53218, 53223, 53224, 53233  
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

<b>North Division High School</b> 1011 W. Center Street	NOW OPEN	Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
<b>South Division High School</b> 1515 W. Lapham Blvd.	NOW OPEN	Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
<b>Northwest Health Center</b> 6431 N. 76th St.	OPENS March 29	Monday-Friday 10am-4pm

Stay updated at: [milwaukee.gov/covidvax](http://milwaukee.gov/covidvax)

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understandable there will be frustration with lack of appointment availability. It should also be noted that this is a supply issue, not an MHD issue.

As our city continues to respond to COVID-19, an important step in the process is making sure vaccines are issued in a timely and efficient manner.

The vaccine rollout will continue over the coming months. For additional information visit [www.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax](http://www.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax).

**2-1-1** IMPACT  
Get Connected. Get Answers.

Simply dial 211 to get help with life.  
Cell: (414) 773-0211  
Payphone: (866) 211-3380

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## Health Department Revises emergency COVID-19 orders


The Milwaukee Health Department continues to review its COVID-19 orders, and most recently put additional restrictions on gatherings, bars and restaurants, sports, and activities that can play a role in spreading the disease.

Significant changes to the order include the following:

- Restaurants and bars will see an increase in possible capacity and an easing of the restrictions on movement of patrons inside the establishment. While seating must be available and encouraged, it is no longer required.
- Museums can be open with capacity limits and protective measures including masking.
- Sporting events and recreational activities are now permitted to have up to six spectators per event participant with a limit of 750 fans indoors or 1,000 fans outdoors as long as physical distancing can be accommodated. An approved safety plan can allow larger crowds.
- The order no longer restricts visitors to long-term care facilities.

Stay up to date on how we are Moving Milwaukee Forward Safely. Visit [city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus/MMFS](https://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus/MMFS). 

## I may have COVID-19. What should I do?

If you are having a medical emergency, please call 911. If you have health concerns that are not a medical emergency, please call your doctor before going in-person to a clinic or hospital. Your doctor will provide you with the next steps you should take over the phone. If you do not have a doctor, please contact one of the health systems listed below. If you do not have health insurance or you are not connected to a doctor, you may reach out to one of the five community health centers listed. 

### HEALTH SYSTEMS

**Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin** - 414-805-2000  
**Advocate Aurora Health** - 1-866-443-2584  
**Ascension Wisconsin** - 1-833-981-0711  
**Children's Wisconsin 24/7 Online Urgent Care**  
[chw.org/medical-care/primary-care/urgent-care/online-urgent-care](https://chw.org/medical-care/primary-care/urgent-care/online-urgent-care)

### COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS


**Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center** - 414-383-99526  
**Milwaukee Health Services Inc.** - 414-372-8080  
**Outreach Community Center** - 800-952-1986  
**Progressive Community Center** - 414-882-2040  
**Sixteenth Street Community Center** - 414-672-1353

## Mask mandate requires businesses/ employers to follow the rules

The City of Milwaukee's mask/face covering requirement for public spaces DOES affect employers and businesses.

The requirement means:

- ▶ The owner or operator of any building open to the public shall ensure all persons present in their building comply with the face covering requirements.
- ▶ The owner or operator of any building open to the public has the right to refuse entry or service to any person for failure to comply.
- ▶ Any owner or operator of a building open to the public that permits a person to violate in their building open to the public shall upon conviction, pay a fine between **\$50** and not more than **\$5,000**.
- ▶ The Commissioner of Health and City Attorney are authorized to pursue license revocation or a court order closing a building open to the public in accordance with state and local law for failing to require persons present to abide

To report a business or employer not following COVID-19 safety protocols, please call **414-286-6800** or send an email to [cehadmin@milwaukee.gov](mailto:cehadmin@milwaukee.gov). 

- CITYWIDE ORDINANCE #200426 -

## FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED IN PUBLIC

\*Medical exemptions apply

Continue to practice physical distancing



[milwaukee.gov/coronavirus](https://milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)  
 #MKECares #StaySafeMKE



The MKE Cares Mask Ordinance went into effect on July 16, 2020. To find locations providing FREE masks for individuals and households, visit [milwaukee.gov/coronavirus/masks](https://milwaukee.gov/coronavirus/masks).




## Smoke alarms are required and could save your life!

**Property owners in Milwaukee must have smoke alarms that are powered by 10-year or greater, non-removable batteries.** A minimum of one smoke detector or alarm shall be installed in the basement and on each floor level except in an unfinished attic or storage area, and not in a kitchen. For floor levels containing a sleeping area, the required detector or alarm shall be installed within 6 feet of the sleeping area. If a floor level contains two or more separate sleeping areas, each sleeping area shall be provided with a smoke detector or alarm. Any smoke alarm located within 20 feet of the primary cooking appliance within the unit is required to be equipped with a silencing switch. Every residential building other than a one- or two-family dwelling shall have a functional smoke detector or alarm at the head of every stairway on each floor level in the building.

Additionally, every battery-operated smoke alarm must now be tested by the property owner not less than once every calendar year. The owner must provide a copy of test results to city officials upon request, and test results should include the date on which testing was performed and the name, telephone number and property relationship of the person who performed the test. Testing shall be performed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications for the battery-operated smoke alarms.

If you do not have a working smoke detector you can request one to be installed by calling the Milwaukee Fire Department Smoke Detector Hotline **(414) 286-8980**.

To place a complaint regarding missing smoke alarms, please contact the City of Milwaukee by calling **(414) 286-CITY (2489)**, online via Click for Action, or through the MKE Mobile Action App. 



## Street lighting funding program (and charge) gets underway in 2021

The city has a new program that begins in 2021 that will initiate a street lighting charge to be used to fund the city's street lighting program. The charge will appear quarterly on Municipal Services Bills and will not begin until the second quarter of 2021.

The new program – approved by the Common Council -- takes street lighting costs from the annual city budget and moves them to a quarterly charge to better ensure that street lighting costs are reliably funded.

### How much is the Street Lighting Charge?

- The street lighting charge is calculated for a property based on the amount of street frontage. This applies to all residential and commercial properties.
- The rate used to calculate the total charge is \$1.10 per linear foot.
- A typical residential property with 40 feet of frontage will be charged \$11.00 quarterly, or \$44 annually.
- The charge will appear on each quarterly residential Municipal Services Bill and monthly commercial bills.
- The Milwaukee Water Works bills the charges on behalf of other city departments and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District.
- The street lighting charge will appear on each quarterly bill (the Snow and Ice Removal Charge is billed only on the fourth quarter bill).

### Does every City of Milwaukee property pay the charge?

- Several subdivisions on the south and northwest sides of the city are not served by city streetlights and will not be charged.

### What does this charge pay for?


- The street lighting charge will provide the annual operating cost of the city's street lighting program, including (but not limited to) salaries and benefits for staff, equipment, and the cost of electric power for the street lighting system. The charge also funds new lighting improvements designed to improve safety, and for 2021, the charge will generate \$10.5 million in revenue to help fund the city's streetlight program.

## Partners help Ald. Dodd give away free steering wheel locks to 5th District residents

In January, Alderwoman Dodd partnered with local district businesses to make free steering wheel locks available to members of the community. The partnership came at a time when there was an uptick in car vehicle thefts throughout Milwaukee, and particularly in the 5th District neighborhoods of Cooper Park, Kops Park and Nash Park.

Using an online form for residents to apply to receive a free steering wheel lock on a first-come, first served basis, the applications came in quickly and 50 locks were given away during a matter of less than an hour.

"Families have been experiencing difficult times since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and for families also experiencing vehicle thefts, their troubles had been enhanced tenfold," she said. "I'm proud that local businesses stepped up to offer support to families in the form of free steering wheel locks to help combat vehicle thefts. This was just one small act that can provide peace of mind to those already dealing with so much stress and uncertainty."

Supporting partner businesses included Lisbon Avenue Ace Hardware, Ruby Isle Auto Tire Service and Sales, Bunzel's Meat Market, El Greco Restaurant and Kam's Thistle & Shamrock. 



**Department of Workforce Development**

Having trouble with unemployment? Need help navigating the state's online services or can't access the internet to check your claim status? Contact the Wisconsin State Department of Workforce Development at (414) 435-7069 or visit [dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/contact-us.htm](http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/contact-us.htm) for more information.



The City of Milwaukee will offer first consideration to interested homebuyers who live or own within 500 feet of a City owned property and will occupy the property. This consideration will be offered for the first 30 days of the listing of a property.

If you live or own within 500 feet of a City owned property you can also refer someone and they'll qualify under this program with your referral. Offers will be evaluated by purchase price.

Within the first 30 days, first consideration will be given to buyers with the 500+ notice.

Learn more by visiting [milwaukee.gov/500](http://milwaukee.gov/500)



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### Check out the Me2 Program!

The Milwaukee Energy Efficiency program, or Me2, can help you save energy and upgrade your home with an energy efficient furnace, insulation, and windows. In the last decade, over 1,300 homes owners have enjoyed home energy upgrades, lower energy bills, and helped the environment.


The program, developed by the City of Milwaukee's Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO), offers affordable loans in partnership with Summit Credit Union. Me2 is also now offering hundreds of dollars in rebates for qualified energy efficiency projects, up to \$1,000 per household when you work with a participating contractor.

Learn more at [milwaukee.gov/me2](http://milwaukee.gov/me2)

## Reconstruction of W. Lisbon Ave. on the Horizon

The Department of Public Works has reported that W. Lisbon Ave., from N. 100th St. to W. Burleigh, was awarded design funds under the 2023-2025 FHWA Surface Transportation Block Grant Fund – Milwaukee Urbanized Area (STP-M). Construction funds will be awarded this year and the project is anticipated to be scheduled for reconstruction to begin in 2024 and be completed at the end of 2025.

The project will reconstruct the roadway and is planned to reduce the number of travel lanes from four to two, update traffic signal and street lighting, and provide improved bicycle accommodations. Total project costs are between \$15 - 18 million and funded 80% by the (state) STP-M grant and 20% by the city.

Please stay tuned for additional updates on this project! 

## City-Owned Available Properties



Searching for available residential or commercial properties? The City of Milwaukee has acquired many properties through tax-foreclosure that are available for owner-occupants and/or investors. You can visit [milwaukee.gov/CityRealEstate](http://milwaukee.gov/CityRealEstate) and look at our different listings where you will find cost, price to repair, among other important information. You can also scan the QR code and watch this year's Housing Resource Fair to learn about resources the City has to offer to meet your needs!

## Another Step in a 1,000-mile Journey



The relationship between the City of Milwaukee's Police Department and the people it is intended to serve has often been difficult. Ours is not the first generation to struggle with the excessive use of force, racial discrimination, sworn officers doing jobs that ought to be done by civilians, and the unbearable long-term cost of our protective services. It may be, however, that this moment, our moment, is one where the reality of the coming pension crisis and the urgent demands of our community finally come together to compel the first difficult steps towards something better.

That is how we see the commitment made by Police Chief Jeffrey Norman and his command staff in the attached letter to the Common Council. Consider what is written there:

\*The department commits itself to a "right-sizing" process, using performance based metrics, to determine how many sworn officers this community needs. And it has agreed to do it under the guidance of a professional study like the well-regarded "Matrix" inquiry of several years ago. In all the debate surrounding the department, no one has proven able or willing to state, with evidence, how many sworn officers this community needs. This is too great a variable to be left unsolved for and finding the correct answer will require the full cooperation of the department, something that could not be counted on with past administrations.

This also relates directly to the need to replace sworn officers with civilian employees. Not only because the latter tend to be more affordable, but because there are certain tasks that can be done just as well or better by someone who isn't a trained, sworn police officer. Too often, this department has had only a hammer as a tool so it thinks every problem is a nail. Trauma-informed care, violence prevention, culturally-aware intervention, are all approaches to reducing violence and improving public safety that should be given to those trained in these fields, not in law enforcement. This is a real chance to evaluate these possibilities as well.

\*The letter commits the department to continuing and improving its community-based policing efforts. Its community-oriented policing S.O.P. is expected in the near future and, perhaps even more significantly, there is a written commitment to working with the Community Collaborative Commission to shape long-term policies driven by public input. This is a level of transparency that, intentionally or not, the MPD has too often lacked.

Seeing it turn itself outward to the public would be a welcome change.

\*The letter commits the department to working to reduce response times, not by simply adding new police officers, but by exploiting technology to make response more efficient and investing in violence-prevention strategies that make calling the police less necessary. The 2021 budget transfers a large portion of the Technical Communications Division to a different department in the hope of better integrating it with the City's technology infrastructure and improve not only call times, but the analysis of police dispatching and deployment.

\*The letter commits the department to continue its deployments to the Promise Zones, areas of the community that greatly benefitted from a familiar, community-focused, police presence in previous years. The work in these neighborhoods has produced grassroots-inspired programs like SafeZones -- a local version of a violence interruption strategy that has been adopted and expanded in the Office of Violence Prevention's "414 Life" program. MPD's role is often crucial in creating collaborations that yield results for the community. Partnerships like this have been readily forgotten as one administration is replaced by another and seeing a commitment to this collaborative platform reduced to writing by MPD leadership is encouraging.

\*And the letter commits the department to continuing and improving its efforts in the area of traffic enforcement. The recommendations of the Reckless Driving Taskforce outline a role for education, infrastructure improvements, and enforcement. If quality of life policing has any meaning it surely includes ridding our streets of reckless drivers who take so much in terms of property damage and lives. Even more, though, the department will work towards preventing reckless behaviors before they become criminal and even fatal. As the city's first line of defense in this regard, the public should know about their efforts to address this consuming issue.

Are these all the things that we hope to see in the relationship between the Milwaukee Police Department and this community? Of course, not.

This agreement, however, if updated, communicated, and earnestly pursued, could represent the first, tentative steps of a journey by which Milwaukee walks away from the fraught history of its relationship with its police department and becomes an example of a better way forward. ▀



## Why the COPS Grant vote cuts deep

Many of you have asked why was this vote so hard? Isn't there a way to take the COPS Grant money and reform the police department at the same time?

First, as a woman of color and raising a Black male child I am constantly afraid that my child will be racially profiled by society and the police. He will always have to prove his worth. There is not a day that goes by a Black or Brown person is not harassed or accused of something due to racial bias, discrimination, and racism. It is no secret in the America we live in today that this doesn't happen on a regular basis. Black and Brown people have been repeatedly told that we are guilty based on the color of our skin. This is the very reason protestors by community activists have taken to the streets well over 200 days in Milwaukee to raise awareness and demand change in a broken system.

We, and every Black and Brown person that have taken to the streets to speak out against police brutality and injustice are tired. We are tired of having to prove our worth on soil our ancestors helped to toil and build. We are tired of being told where we can live, shop, travel, and educate our children just so white people can live comfortably. We are tired of being treated unjustly. We are tired.

The people I have met throughout this journey are tired of living in neighborhoods targeted by the police. It is painfully obvious that the system has been broken for quite a while, and one of the ways to fix it is to continue educating and informing all on institutional racism, and how it impacts policing in Black and Brown communities.

In closing, you can expect that every decision I make is made through the lens of racial equity, police reform and accountability, along with fighting for a healthy and safe community for all to live, work, play, and raise a family. All in all, I am dedicated to ensuring the decisions I make through this lens are balanced and fair.

The following statement was spearheaded by Alderwoman Dodd after the Common Council approved the acceptance of the nearly \$10 million federal COPS grant in January. ▀



**ANONYMOUS TIP LINE - 414-224-TIPS (8477)**

## Perspective of a concerned mother/ alderwoman

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## Saturday Morning Chat

MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2021 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Join Alderwoman Dodd for a virtual Saturday Morning Chat. Check Ald. Dodd's social media pages for the link.



## Explore 5th District

JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 Join us for the 2nd, Explore 5th District tour.

Explore 5th District is a guided tour of Milwaukee's Northwest side and the first of its kind to welcome opportunities for new business growth and development, showcase thriving neighborhoods, restaurants and historical organizations. It's a unique and innovative initiative for Milwaukee's 5th Aldermanic District hosted by Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd. District residents are encouraged to attend the event, as well as business investors and citizens throughout the Greater Milwaukee metropolitan area.



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## DIRECT CONNECT MKE

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supports for your career path.

## AVAILABLE NOW

The city's new interactive social media mobile accessible platform, DirectConnectMKE, is now live! Unemployed and underemployed young adults and Millennials in Milwaukee's emerging neighborhoods can now easily access vital information on job training, job supports, and job placement opportunities.

download the app

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opportunities on the  
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to communicate with a  
virtual helper and register  
with trusted career mentors

or visit [directconnectmke.com](http://directconnectmke.com)